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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Takaaki YANAGISAWA, et al.

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EXAMINER: NGO, HOANG X.

FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REPLENISHING A DEVELOPING DEVICE WITH TONER WHILE SUPPRESSING TONER REMAINING

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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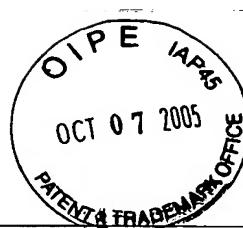
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	AA	4,607,939	August-86	Saito			
	AB	4,615,364	October-86	Kawata			
	AC	4,740,808	April-88	Kasamura et al.			
	AD	5,150,162	September-92	Saito			
	AE	5,710,963	January-98	Dirx			
	AF	6,748,190	June-04	Yanagisawa et al.			
	AG	6,813,460	January-04	Sudo et al.			
	AH	6,829,460	December-04	Kurotori et al.			
	AI	6,542,707	April-03	Muramatsu et al.			
	AJ	6,567,637	May-03	Yanagisawa et al.			
	AK	6,571,076	May-03	Kasahara et al.			
	AL	6,576,388	June-03	Sakon et al.			
	AM	6,597,883	July-03	Muramatsu et al.			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION		
	AN	JP 2002-23472	January-02	JAPAN (w/English abstract)	YES	NO	X
	AO	EP 1 030 227	August-00	EUROPE			
	AP	EP 1 126 328	August-00	EUROPE			
	AQ	EP 1 184 738 A1	March-02	EUROPE			
	AR	EP 0 666 516 A1	August-95	EUROPE			
	AS	EP 0 895 137 A1	February-99	EUROPE			
	AT	EP 0 681 226 A2	November-95	EUROPE			
	AU	JP 2000-356898	December-00	JAPAN (w/English abstract)			X
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	AW	JP 3-269461	December-01	JAPAN (w/English abstract)			X
	AX	JP 5-46022	February-93	JAPAN (w/English abstract)			X
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	AA	6,597,884	July-03	Miyaguchi et al.			
	AB	6,608,984	August-03	Matsumoto et al.			
	AC	6,628,908	September-03	Matsumoto et al.			
	AD	6,628,913	September-03	Matsumoto et al.			
	AE	6,640,073	October-03	Kurotori et al.			
	AF	6,653,037	November-03	Sawada et al.			
	AG	6,665,508	December-03	Sudo et al.			
	AH	6,669,189	December-03	Seto et al.			
	AI	6,671,484	December-03	Miyoshi et al.			
	AJ	6,681,096	January-04	Seto et al.			
	AK	6,686,946	February-04	Masuda et al.			
	AL	6,701,114	March-04	Sekine et al.			
	AM	6,716,561	April-04	Shiraishi et al.			
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	AA	6,721,516	April-04	Shiraishi et al.			
	AB	6,757,511	June-04	Sugimoto et al.			
	AC	6,768,879	July-04	Kosuge			
	AD	6,775,503	August-04	Hattori et al.			
	AE	6,775,511	August-04	Kosuge			
	AF	6,785,496	August-04	Iwata et al.			
	AG	6,792,234	September-04	Ikeguchi et al.			
	AH	6,799,012	September-04	Shakuoto et al.			
	AI	6,819,892	November-04	Nakazato et al.			
	AJ	6,852,459	February-05	Katoh et al.			
	AK	6,858,365	February-05	Sawada et al.			
	AL	5,034,776	July-91	Suigiura			
	AM	5,592,980	January-97	Stern et al.			
	AN	6,332,065	December-05	Howard			
	AO	2004/0197119 A1	October-04	Matsumoto et al.			
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	AAA	U.S. Patent Application serial no. 09/826,789 filed April 5, 2001, pending.		
	AAB	U.S. Patent Application serial no. 10/107,249 filed March 28, 2002, pending.		
	AAC	U.S. Patent Application serial no. 10/227,303 filed August 26, 2002, pending.		
	AAD	U.S. Patent Application serial no. 10/227,308 filed August 26, 2002, pending.		
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